

In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A method for promoting wound healing in a subject, comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising an osteopontin derived chemotactic peptide and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier or diluent such that wound healing is promoted.

16-17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~said~~ the therapeutic composition is administered topically.

19-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A method for promoting cell migration to a target site in a subject comprising administering ~~to a cell at the target site in said the subject~~ a therapeutically effective amount of an osteopontin derived chemotactic peptide for a time and under conditions such that migration of ~~said the~~ cell to the target site is promoted, wherein the cell bears receptors that recognize a peptide in the therapeutic composition.

22. (currently amended) A method for ~~modulating~~ inducing in vitro cellular chemotaxis, comprising ~~administering to~~ incubating a cell in the presence of a therapeutically effective amount of an osteopontin derived chemotactic peptide for a time and under conditions

effective to induce chemotaxis of the cell, wherein the cell bears receptors that recognize the peptide such that modulation of cellular chemotaxis occurs.

23-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A method for ~~treating~~ inhibiting the formation of atherosclerotic plaques in a subject, comprising administering to a the subject a therapeutically effective amount of an osteopontin derived chemotactic peptide, such that formation of ~~atherosclerotic~~ atherosclerotic plaques is prevented.

27-28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) A method of inducing ~~either in vitro or in vivo~~ chemotaxis of a cell, comprising administering to a ~~cell~~ subject an osteopontin derived chemotactic peptide for a time and under conditions in an amount effective to induce chemotaxis, wherein the cell bears receptors that recognize the peptide.

30. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~29~~ 22, wherein ~~said~~ the cell is a mammalian cell.

31. (currently amended) The method of claim 29, wherein ~~said~~ the cell is selected from the group consisting of a smooth muscle cell ~~cells~~, a macrophage ~~macrophages~~, an endothelial cell ~~cells~~, ~~vascular cells~~ and ~~cancerous cells~~ a vascular cell.

32-33. (canceled)

34. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein ~~said~~ the cell is selected from the group consisting of a smooth muscle cell, a macrophage, an endothelial cell, and a vascular cell.